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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1108]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget

Review; Comment Request; Interstate Shellfish Dealer's Certificate

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: FDA Desk Officer, FAX: 202-395-7285, or emailed to <a href="mailto:oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov">oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov</a>. All comments should be identified with the OMB control number 0910-0021. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Interstate Shellfish Dealer's Certificate (OMB Control Number 0910–0021)--Extension

Under section 243 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243), FDA is required to
cooperate with and aid State and local authorities in the enforcement of their health regulations
and is authorized to assist States in the prevention and suppression of communicable diseases.

Under this authority, FDA participates with State regulatory agencies, some foreign nations, and
the molluscan shellfish industry in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP).

NSSP is a voluntary, cooperative program to promote the safety of molluscan shellfish by providing for the classification and patrol of shellfish growing waters and for the inspection and certification of shellfish processors. Each participating State and foreign nation monitors its molluscan shellfish processors and issues certificates for those that meet the State or foreign shellfish control authority's criteria. Each participating State and nation provides a certificate of its certified shellfish processors to FDA on Form FDA 3038, "Interstate Shellfish Dealer's Certificate." FDA uses this information to publish the "Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List," a monthly comprehensive listing of all molluscan shellfish processors certified under the cooperative program. If FDA did not collect the information necessary to compile this list, participating States would not be able to identify and keep out shellfish processed by uncertified processors in other States and foreign nations. Consequently, NSSP would not be able to control

the distribution of uncertified and possibly unsafe shellfish in interstate commerce, and its effectiveness would be nullified.

In the <u>Federal Register</u> of November 15, 2012 (77 FR 68129), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed extension of this collection of information. FDA received one letter in response to the notice, containing multiple comments on the testing methods used by certified shellfish processors in the NSSP. These comments were outside the scope of the four collection-of-information topics on which the notice requested comments, and will not be discussed in this document. FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Reporting Burden<sup>1</sup>

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Activity	FDA Form No.	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden per Response	Total Hours
Submission of Interstate Shellfish Dealer's Certificate	3038	40	57	2,280	0.10	228

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

FDA estimates that 40 respondents will submit 2,280 Interstate Shellfish Dealer's Certificates annually, for a total burden of 228 hours (2,280 submissions x 0.10 hours = 228 hours). This estimate is based on FDA's experience and the number of certificates received in the past 3 years.

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